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Gary K. Michelson)	
Serial No.: 09/970,294)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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For: SCREWS OF CORTICAL BONE AND)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)	
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